

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

April 8, 2002

Department of Natural Resources
Room 214

Minutes

Members Present:

SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill - Water Rights
SOWARDS, Glade - DNR/ADMIN
CANNING, Michael - DWR
HARTY, Kimm - UGS
DANIELS, Ron - DOGM
ASTIN, Gary - DERR
KAPPE, Karl - DFFSL
PITKIN, Jay - DEQ - Water Quality
BIRKES, William - DEQ - Drinking Water
JOHNSON, Wes - DWR
WILCOX, Rick - TLA
PARKER, Randy - DAY

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn - GOPB/DNR
DELOS SANTOS, Annette - BLM
LANDURETH, Brenda - DNR/ADMIN

I. Approval of Minutes

Bill Schlotthauer, the chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. Randy Parker made a motion to approve the March 12, 2002 minutes. Kimm Harty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the project Management Library

A series of public meetings were announced for the potential high-level waste repository issue for the Yucca Mountain site. The governor of Nevada vetoed the Yucca Mountain site, which is located 90 miles west of Las Vegas. The governors of host states can veto, however congress can override these vetoes. Skull Valley would be a way station to this proposed facility. The congressional delegation will seek transportation information from this committee. Railway transportation is likely. State agencies may be interested in attend a public meeting on this issue. This project is listed as #1709 on the Project Management System. There is a meeting tonight.

The San Rafael Swell Monument proposal is supported by Emery County will be a similar process to the Grand Staircase. This process is moving along and President Bush is expected to sign the proclamation next month (mid-May). Emery County, the state and the environmental community are in agreement on the establishment of the proposed boundary. Some private interest concerns have been identified (AT users, ranchers and the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance). There are plans for this to be an

AT friendly monument. No press releases have appeared. It is likely that RDCC will be involved in this planning process.

Wes Johnson stated that the enlargement of Big Sand Wash Dam and Reservoir is driven by Central Utah Project and Moon Lake Water Users Association. The notice of intent to negotiate contracts and agreements among and between the project participants was announced in the Federal Register on March 12, 2002.

Land disposal for the property on 3rd South and Emery Lane in Salt Lake City was discussed. Parks will continue to review this proposal and determine if the property should be disposed. Representative Fred Fife and Salt Lake City Corporation have objected to this proposal. It is likely that the property will not be disposed.

III. Report from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Randy Parker announced that large numbers of Mormon crickets and grasshoppers are hatching. The state anticipates very large populations due to the excellent conditions for eggs. This is particularly a large problem for the West Desert.

Participating parties have submitted change applications for the Santa Clara Project. WCWCD hopes to lay pipe soon (from Gunlock to Ivins) and is working on the analysis of the project. This will enhance instream flow to the Santa Clara. Half of the conservation pool has been transferred into Sand Hollow to ensure minimum flow below Gunlock Dam. This will provide water for irrigators and for the fish. Part of the reservoir is dedicated for sediment storage. The availability of water on the Santa Clara River is either feast or famine.

Annette Delos Santos announced that the San Rafael Travel Plan deadline has been extended to April 22, 2002.

The Bureau of Land Management is offering a special trip for RDCC to the San Rafael during late April or early May. This will provide the committee heads up on the planning process and some of the issues.

Brenda Landureth announced that there is a Natural Resource Coordinating Council Spring Field Trip from April 28 through April 30, 2002, which may be a potential conflict.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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